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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT TO SEEK UNFPA SUPPORT

- 1. DR. HELIO AGUINAGA (DIRECTOR OF GYNECOLOGY SERVICES, FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF RIO) AND DR. PAUL BURGESS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA PHONED AMBASSADOR GREEN FROM MIAMI AUGUST 25 TO REPORT WHAT THEY DESCRIBED AS AN IMPORTANT BREAKTHROUGH. DR. AGUINAGA HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY INFORMED THAT THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT WILL SEEK UNFPA FUNDS FOR VARIOUS FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES, DESCRIBED AS QUASI-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, TO INSTITUTE PROGRAMS SIMILAR TO THOSE PIONEERED BY AGUINAGA IN SIX OTHER PARTS OF BRAZIL, NOTABLY RURAL AREAS.
- 2. AGUINAGA STATED THAT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS WRITING TO UN REPRESENTATIVE IN BRAZIL ASKING FOR UN SUPPORT IN PROMOTING THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROGRAM. AGUINAGA ANTICIPATES FAVORABLE ACTION, POINTING OUT THAT JOSE DONARYE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(UN'S LATIN AMERICA PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE) HAS BEEN

CONSISTENTLY POSITIVE ABOUT BRAZIL GETTING PRIORITY ATTENTION WHENEVER IT APPLIED FOR UNFPA ASSISTANCE.

3. AGUINAGA COMMENTED THAT, IF THIS QUASI-GOVERNMENT PROGRAM SUCCEEDS, BRAZIL IS LIKELY TO MOVE MORE BROADLY TOWARD FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS WITH OUTSIDE SUPPORT, BUT IF THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY'S PROJECT FAILS, THE GOVERNMENT WILL TEND TO SAY "I TOLD YOU SO" AND MOVE BACK TO EARLIER NON-COMMITTAL POSITIONS. IT IS THEREFORE ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT THAT HIS PROJECT SUCCEED. KISSINGER

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